

# The CHRISTMAS EDITION

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To be Published Tuesday, December 15th will be a Record Breaker for Winchester. The Biggest and Most Attractive Christmas Edition ever Issued from a Winchester Newspaper Office.

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CHILDREN'S STORIES and CHRISTMAS POEMS will be a marked feature.

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The News' Christmas Features leave no doubt that this edition will be looked forward to with keen interest and read with closest attention by every member of the 1700 families to whom it is a regular visitor.

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YEW POISONING COWS.

Farmer Who Lost Five Jerseys That Ate Leaves of Tree.

"A late experience was not unprofitable to me, but may be to some of your readers," writes a correspondent of the Country Gentleman. "Between noons of two days I lost four young Jersey cows, and the next day another, from eating the foliage of an Irish yew tree, which was trimmed and the branches thrown over the fence into the pasture lot. They would first show it by staggering, then a wild



Leaf of the Yew.

look in the eyes, and shortly falling; some never getting on their feet again, and two dying within ten minutes of first symptoms. Two of the others were saved (although not so badly affected) by large doses of castor oil and glaucous salts. I inclose a twig, as it is not commonly known."

The botanical name of the yew to which the twig belongs is *Taxus baccata*, says the Country Gentleman. This species is native in Europe, and from it many cultivated varieties have been derived. In the *Cyclopedia of American Horticulture* ten varieties and several forms are described. The "Irish Yew," *Taxus hibernica* of gardeners, is there referred to variety fastigiata, which is described as having crowded, upright branches and branchlets and dark, glossy, green leaves. The leaves of this and other species of yew are reputed to be poisonous to horses and cattle, the poisonous constituent being an alkaloid called taxine. Our common species, *Taxus canadensis*, is a small half prostrate or ascending shrub found in the northern and eastern states growing in ravines or in rocky, shaded places, and when accessible to cattle is apparently avoided by them as a source of food.

### REMEMBER THE BEES.

Care in Winter Will Give You Stronger Colony in Spring.

The bees have been but little trouble to you so far, and will be but little more, yet they do require some attention, and in the spring when other work claims your attention is the time when they are most likely to be neglected. At the present time about the only thing to do is to look into them occasionally and see that they have plenty of winter stores and that the mice and moths are not molesting them.

Get the hives ready for spring occupancy when swarming begins. If you wait till the bees are swarming there will not be time to make preparations. Clean all frames and sections by heating a case knife and scraping propolis and comb away. This is good weather for that; you can sit near the stove and keep the knife warm.

If any of the colonies need feeding, thick sirup of granulated sugar is about the best that can be fed to them unless you have extracted honey, recommends Farmers' Voice. Some form of feeder is best, but in want of these it will be satisfactory to place the sirup in a shallow pan and set on top of the frames. It is not so easy to feed in an old box hive, but where there are holes in the top for putting a cap on the sirup may be set on top, the holes opened and a box set over it; or the sirup may be placed under the hive, on the bottom board.

### Renewing Nests.

To keep the fowls free from disease and lice (including mites), it is necessary to keep all about them in a state of as perfect cleanliness as possible. Renewing the nests will greatly help, and this should be done oftener than it is. A barrel of cut straw at hand will act as a reminder, and the nest will be renewed oftener than it will be if no material for the purpose is at hand. We have seen many nests in which the nest material had been left in so long that it had become beaten almost to dust, and covered a multitude of thirsty little blood-suckers. If it is necessary to renew the egg nest material of the hen that is simply laying it is still more necessary to renew often the material in the nests that are used for incubation purposes.

The clean, light and airy henhouse is the kind that will help the hens to make a profit on feeds. There is time in the winter to make them right.

### Embassy a Sacred Spot.

The ground on which an embassy stands is in theory as well as in practice the territory of the nation to which its principal occupant belongs. Even if a criminal were harbored in an embassy the police could not enter the premises without permission.

### DO COWS NEED PHOSPHATE?

An Experience That Has Raised a New Query.

During the past summer we have treated the growing heap of manure in our barn yard every two weeks to a sprinkling of ground phosphate rock, or floats. Some of the ground rock was scattered on the ground next to the barnyard fence away from the manure. We noticed the cows were eagerly gnawing away at the ground, and thought first some salt had been scattered there. Examination proved, however, that they were licking up the phosphate rock, doing so very greedily.

Now here is a new question: The cows are fairly wild for the phosphate rock. Why? Is it that they feel the need of this form of phosphorus? We wonder if any of our brother dairymen have ever discovered the same thing in their cows? We had before discovered that pigs will eat the ground rock greedily if they can get it. Phosphorus is very essential, to a certain extent, in the animal economy.

We would like very much to hear from some of our experiment stations or from individual dairymen if they have had experience in this line, says Hoard's Dairymen. The experiment made with pigs by the Wisconsin experiment station, in feeding one lot with a certain allowance of phosphate and denying it entirely to another lot, convinced us that there is something valuable for all feeders to learn in this direction.

### DAIRY DOTS AND DASHES.

On most American farms it is not necessary to keep the cows in crowded quarters, yet we often see small dairy barns on big farms, and the cows crowded close together.

The prejudice in favor of beefy cows is still a great obstacle in the way of the progress of dairying.

It is easier to keep a big barnyard clean than it is a small one.

The best buttermakers say never to pour water on butter when washing it, but around it, then move the butter in the water.

A hand separator is the motive which keeps the right hand from knowing what the left hand is up to.

### Keep Cows Off Pasture.

Getting down to dry feed is a trying time in the cow lot, for the herd cannot persuade themselves they want it when they need it. The milk flow is frequently less at this time than later on, when the weather is cooler. A better plan is not to let the milk cows have the run of a half-pasture at all, but to keep them away from the taste of that which does not furnish them enough in itself.

Do your Christmas shopping early and in the morning and aid the merchant and his clerks.

## You Cannot Answer These Questions!

1—Why do you continue bathing your knees and elbows one at a time, when you can stretch out in a full bath tempered to suit you, and can do so every morning if you wish?

2—Why pump and carry water for your kitchen and laundry work when you can have it at hand for the turning of a faucet?

3—Why take chances on drinking germ-filled cistern water when you can get it from a large reservoir filtered through the best filter plant South of the Ohio River?

4—Why have a dry, dismal-looking yard when you can have it filled with green grass and blooming flowers, and can at the same time get rid of the dust in the street?

5—Why suffer other inconveniences when you can have everything for the comfort and health of your family right in the house?

6—Is it not true that the answer is not "lack of money," but lack of economy and enterprise and indifference to getting the most out of life?

C. F. ATTERSALL, Superintendent

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P. S.—We furnish Ice in Winter as well as Summer.

### With Humorous Intent.

The sense of the comic is much blunted by habits of punning and of using humorous phrase; the trick of employing Johnsonian polysyllables to treat of the infinitely little. And it really may be humorous, of a kind, yet it will miss the point by going too much round about it.—George Meredith, in "An Essay on Comedy."

### The Boy and His Dad.

A boy who has the brotherly interest of his father is lucky. Sometimes a wild lad does not seem to have much in common with his father and it will be the mother's task to discover something which they can do together—play dominoes, chess, read the same book or anything to give a kindred sympathy.

## PUBLIC SALE!

On my farm situated on the Mt. Sterling pike and Winchester pike about eight miles from Winchester, Ky., on

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1908,

I will offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following personal property to-wit:

- 1 Combined Horse.
- 1 pr. 5 yr. old Work Mules.
- 25 Heads Young Steers.
- 6 Calves. 1 2 yr. old Heifer.
- 4 Milch Cows and 2 Calves
- 2 Fat Cows.
- 1 Yearling Bull, Good.
- 113 Black Faced Ewes.
- 1 Lgt Meat Hogs and Shoats.
- 1 Farm Wagon. 1 Sled.
- 1 Hay Frame. 1 Corn Planter.
- 1 Randol Harrow. 1 Mower.
- 1 Ky Wheat Drill.
- 1 Bemis Tobacco Setter.
- 1 Cultivator. 1 Potato Planter.
- 1 Oliver Chilled Plow.
- 1 Garden Plow.
- 2 Double Shovel Plows.
- 1 Disc Plow.
- 1 McCormick Binder.
- 1 Single Shovel Plow.
- 1 Grass Seed Strippers.
- 1 Set Page Fence Stretchers.
- 1 Fodder Cutter.
- 1 Jack Screw.
- 250 Shocks Corn in Field.
- 1 Lot Corn in Crib.
- 4 Bbl Seed Corn.
- 75 Shocks Fodder. 40 Tons Hay.
- 1 Tarpaulin. 1 Road Wagon.
- 1 Rubber Tire Buggy, New.
- 1 Set Buggy Harness.
- 1 Set Wagon Harness.
- 1 Lot Charcoal.
- 2 Sets Stripper Harness.
- 1 Hay Knife.
- 1 Cross Cut Saw. 1 Cider Mill.
- 1 Grind Stone. 1 Cook Stove.
- 1 Lot Farming tools, all kinds
- 1 pair Farm Scales.
- 1 Lot of Poultry.

Terms: Under \$20.00 cash; over \$20.00, 3 months with approved security.

Sale will begin promptly at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Bettie H. Shouse.

JONAS R. BUSH, Auctioneer.

### Women Are to Share With Men.

Men and women are to have a common way of life—a common education—and they are to watch over the citizens in common, whether abiding in the city or going out to war; they are to guard together and to hunt together like dogs; and always and in all things women are to share with the men.—Plato.